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**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A prefastened, refastenable absorbent article, comprising:

an outer cover extensible in a lateral direction of the prefastened absorbent article and having a moisture barrier;

a bodyside liner at least partially bonded to the outer cover and extensible in the lateral direction; and

an absorbent core positioned between the outer cover and the body side liner;

the outer cover, bodyside liner and the absorbent core defining a chassis having a waist opening,

wherein the prefastened absorbent article has a percent fit range of at least about 33%.

2. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the percent fit range is about 80% to about 150%.

3. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising an elastic fit panel attached to the chassis.

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4. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the chassis further comprises an elastic first side panel and a laterally opposing elastic second side panel.

5. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 4, further comprising a first fastener bonded to the first side panel and a laterally opposing second fastener bonded to the second side panel.

6. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 5, further comprising at least one attachment panel attached to a front waist region of the absorbent article, wherein each of the first fastener and the second fastener are releasably attached to the attachment panel.

7. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 6, wherein the attachment panel comprises a loop material, which is extensible in a lateral direction.

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8. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 6, wherein in a prefastened condition, the first fastener and the second fastener are laterally separated by at least about 2.0 inches with respect to the attachment panel.

9. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 6, wherein the attachment panel is passively bonded to a back waist region of the absorbent article.

10. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising a spacer material at least partially bonded to the outer cover.

11. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising at least one extensible containment flap positioned along a first side edge of the prefastened absorbent article.

12. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 11, further comprising a second extensible containment flap positioned along a laterally opposing second side edge of the prefastened absorbent article.

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13. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising a fastener feature having two laterally opposing hook-type fasteners prefastened to a loop component, wherein the two laterally opposing hook-type fasteners are spaced apart by at least about 2.0 inches in a lateral direction with respect to the loop component.

14. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 13, wherein the loop component is one of elastic and extensible in a lateral direction of the prefastened absorbent article.

15. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising a surge layer, the surge layer one of elastic and extensible in a lateral direction of the prefastened absorbent article.

16. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising a diaper.

17. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising training pants.

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18. (Withdrawn) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising absorbent underpants.

19. (Withdrawn) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising an adult incontinence product.

20. (Withdrawn) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising a feminine hygiene product.

21. (Withdrawn) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising a health care garment.

22. (Original) A prefastened absorbent article, comprising:  
a chassis having a front waist region, a back waist region and a crotch region intermediate the front waist region and the back waist region, the chassis defining a waist opening;

an outer cover having a moisture barrier;

a bodyside liner at least partially bonded to the outer cover; and

an absorbent core positioned between the outer cover and the bodyside

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liner.

23. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 22, wherein the chassis comprises an elastic material.

24. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 22, wherein the outer cover and the bodyside liner are one of elastic and extensible in the lateral direction.

25. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 22, wherein the outer cover and the bodyside liner are one of elastic and extensible in the longitudinal direction.

26. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 22, further comprising an extensible spacer layer positioned between the absorbent core and the outer cover.

27. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 26, wherein the spacer layer is partially bonded to the outer cover.

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28. (Original) A pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article comprising:

an extensible outer cover;

an extensible bodyside liner connected to the outer cover in a superposed relation;

an absorbent core positioned between the outer cover and the bodyside liner;

an extensible spacer layer positioned between the backsheet and the absorbent core;

at least one extensible containment flap positioned adjacent a side edge of the absorbent core; and

at least one waist size adjustment means having a fastener and a corresponding loop component, the loop component extensible in a cross machine direction to permit one of a front waist region and a rear waist region to extend laterally beyond a width of a chassis,

wherein the pant-like disposable absorbent article has a percent fit range of at least about 33%.

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29. (Original) A pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article comprising:

an extensible outer cover;

an elastic waistband region;

a first elastic back ear bonded to a back waist region of the pant-like disposable absorbent article;

an opposing second elastic back ear bonded to the back waist region; and

at least one secondary component, the at least one secondary component providing an additional fit range of at least about 220 mm.

30. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component is selected from the group consisting of an extensible or elastic fit panel including loop-type fastener components, at least one bellow, tissue wrapsheet pleats, an extensible spacer layer, and fasteners having a fastener spacing of less than about 5 inches.

31. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the back ears are bonded to a back waist region of the absorbent article using attachment bonds having a length less than about 50 mm.



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32. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component comprises a waist elastic member attached to a back waist region of the absorbent article at less than maximum stretch.

33. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component comprises a waist elastic member attached to a front waist region of the absorbent article at less than maximum stretch.

34. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component comprises an extensible spacer layer positioned between an outer cover and an absorbent core.

35. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 34 wherein the spacer layer is not connected to the outer cover.

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36. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component comprises at least one containment flap, the at least one containment flap tacked down to a chassis at least about 50 mm longitudinally from the elastic waistband region.

37. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component comprises a pleated tissue wrapsheet, the pleated tissue wrapsheet connected to an extensible bodyside liner of the absorbent article.